

Dedicated to creating and retaining Illinois jobs, Congresswoman Debbie Halvorson (IL-11) on Monday released her plan for revitalizing the manufacturing sector, to create more American jobs and more "Made in America" products.

"We know that Americans can out-work, out-build, and out-innovate anyone in the world, but if we truly want to get back on track, we must invest in our manufacturing sector and the employees that sustain it," said Halvorson.

"That's why I want to see Congress focus on manufacturing legislation in the coming months, to level the playing field for American manufactures and workers, to prepare our workforce, and to help reduce our trade deficit."

The manufacturing plan is part of Halvorson's "Illinois Jobs First" initiative, laying out Halvorson's efforts for continued job creation in Illinois through several different potential areas of economic growth for the 11th District.

Halvorson's plan for manufacturing includes:

- Implementing a national strategy for manufacturing
- Modernizing workforce investment programs
- Ending unfair trade practices
- Tax incentives for American manufacturing and clean energy
- Increasing access to capital for manufacturers through loan guarantees

"I've heard from both manufacturers and constituents from across our district, and these legislative initiatives reflect what they've told me is needed to create jobs. People want to see things made in America again, and they want to us to focus on modernizing American manufacturing," Halvorson said. "Furthermore, getting people back to work is the number one thing we need to do to put our country back on a financially sustainable course."

Halvorson's manufacturing plan is part of her Illinois Jobs First initiative, focusing on her plans for continued job creation in Illinois through several areas of potential economic growth for the 11th District. Halvorson recently visited AMICO Steel in Bourbonnais to discuss her efforts and will visit additional manufacturing facilities throughout the district in the coming month.